

### REMARKS

The Examiner is thanked for the performance of a thorough search. By this amendment, Claims 1, 3, 4 and 74 have been amended. Claim 2 is cancelled.

### ALLOWED CLAIMS

In the Office Action, Claims 17-19, 22, 24, 41, 53-56, 58, 61, 74, and 77 are allowed.

### CLAIMS OBJECTED TO

In the Office Action, Claims 3 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 3 has been rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

### SUMMARY OF THE REJECTIONS

In the Office Action Claims 1-2, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 74 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Healey.

### CLAIMS 1, 3, 4, 6, 8, 10, and 74

As previously mentioned, Claim 2 has been cancelled by this amendment. Independent Claim 1 and Claim 74 have been amended to include "the at least one layer of fabric includes at least two plies and wherein one of the plies is felt."

Thus, Claim 1 and Claim 74 are allowable over the art of record and that Claim 1 and Claim 74 be held in condition for allowance.

Claims 3, 4, 6, 8, 10 are either directly or indirectly dependent upon independent Claim 1 and include all the features of Claim 1. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that Claims 3, 4, 6, 8, 10 are allowable for at least the reasons provided herein with respect to Claims 1.

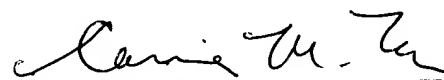
## CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance. Therefore, the issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is believed next in order, and that action is most earnestly solicited.

If in the opinion of the Examiner a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of the subject application, the Examiner is encouraged to call the undersigned at (650) 838-4311.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees due to Applicants' Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

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